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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated May 9, 1960,
and WFO airtel to Bureau dated May 18, 1960.

Since the date of referenced letter, contact has
been maintained with CG 5904-S. This informant has been alerted
to obtain information concerning Cuban intelligence activity.
To date he has been unable to furnish any information.

CG 6131-S has advised that a VICTOR RIBINOWITZ
(phonetic), a New York attorney, came to Chicago on about
June 15, 1960, to organize a branch of a New York organization
known as "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." This is a pro-CASTRO
organization desiring to obtain favorable publicity for the
revolutionary government of Cuba to counteract recent unfavorable
press coverage of the Cuban government. The organization in
Chicago is now being directed by JOHN ROSSEN (Chicago file
65-2054, Bureau file 61-10459), and RICHARD CRILEY (Chicago
file 100-18080, Bureau file 100-26567). RIBINOWITZ has returned
to New York.

The Chicago Office, by letter dated July 14, 1960,
captioned MARWIL CRAWFORD, aka, advised the Bureau of the results
of an interview of JOHN H. JOHNSON, President of the Johnson
Publishing Company, employer of MARK CRAWFORD, mentioned in
referenced airtel. JOHNSON described CRAWFORD as being, in his
opinion, loyal to the United States Government, but an opportunist,
lacking in good judgment, and an arrogant and obnoxious individual,
while working on a story for the Johnson Publishing Company,
which publishes "Ebony," "Jet," "Tan," and "Hue" magazines.

Contact has been maintained with other sources of
information in the Latin American field. These are set out in
Chicago airtel to Bureau dated January 29, 1960. To date, none
has given any indication of activity on the part of the July 26th
Movement, White Rose, or any other form of Cuban intelligence
activity.

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